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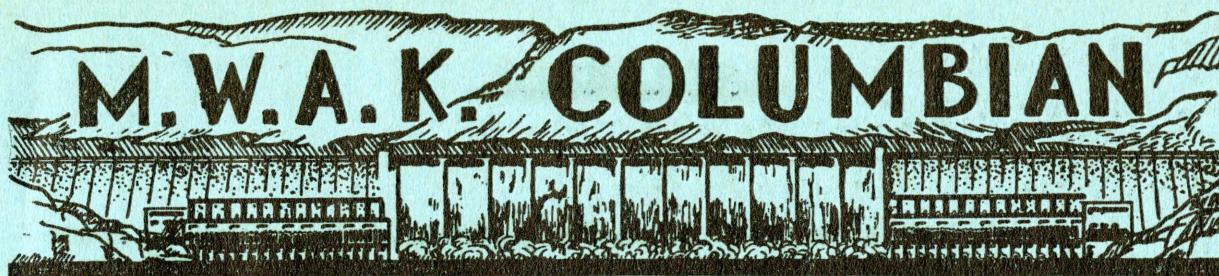
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SAFETY
DEPARTMENT

MASON-WALSH-ATKINSON-KIER CO.
BUILDERS OF COULEE DAM

MASON CITY
WASHINGTON

Vol. 3 No. 30

M. Pete Shrauger--Editor
Safety Engineer

July 30, 1937

TO OUR EMPLOYEES:

In view of the best interests of this project and the security of all our employees, we have today signed a firm contract with Unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. A copy of which is printed elsewhere in this issue.

We ask your cooperation in affiliating with these Unions at the earliest possible date. They have agreed that there will be no increase in membership fees during this period of affiliation.

According to the interpretation, all employees of this Company will come under this agreement except some classes of foremen, all superintendents, time keepers, civil engineers, warehouse clerks, messenger boys, confidential employees, and office workers generally. The employees of the Mason City Company and the Coulee Trading Company who will be affected by this agreement are those in the recreation hall, the theatre, and the laundry.

T. J. Walsh
T. J. Walsh
President

A G R E E M E N T

By and between the Mason-Walsh-Atkinson-Kier Company, hereinafter referred to as the "Company", and unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor having jurisdiction upon the work being performed on the Grand Coulee Dam (and who act in harmony with the decisions of the American Federation of Labor), hereinafter referred to as the "Unions".

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agreement is to maintain cordial industrial relations between the Company and its employees as represented by the Unions through the establishment of just and satisfactory working conditions with a view of insuring efficient and continuous operation on this important construction project, thereby protecting the best interests and the welfare of the Company, its employees, the State, and the Nation.

IT IS THEREFORE HEREBY AGREED:

1. That the work day shall not exceed eight (8) hours and the work week forty (40) hours, except in cases of emergency as determined by the Government engineers. It is agreed that a work week of five (5) days of eight (8) hours each is preferable wherever practicable, but it is recognized that the most efficient and economical basis for many operations is a six (6) day week with fewer hours per day; and it is agreed that no change will be made in these operations except by mutual consent of both parties hereto.

2. The present established wage scales, labor classifications, and working rules shall continue in effect; provided, however, that the Unions shall reserve the right to exert every legitimate means to secure such revisions in the basic wage scales as the Government may approve. It is further agreed that if any inequities exist in the present wage scales, classifications, or working conditions, the adjustment of which would tend to produce greater harmony and efficiency among the individuals or groups affected, that the Unions shall have the right to bring these to the attention of the Company, so that they may be adjusted by the mutual consent of both parties concerned.

Wage scales shall be recognized as applying to classifications rather than to men, and any employee performing such work shall be paid the rate the classification of his work calls for. When emergency makes necessary the transfer of employees from one classification to another, it shall be the rule that the employees shall be paid on the basis of the higher rate that either classification calls for while they are performing such emergency work.

3. In order to maintain necessary discipline and insure observance of the purpose and provisions of this agreement, all employees of the Company coming within the jurisdiction of the unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and which observe its

laws and decisions, shall be members in good standing of such unions. A reasonable period of time shall be allowed for all present employees to affiliate with such unions, and it is understood that the present membership fees will apply during that period.

4. All grievances, whether pertaining to hours, wages, working conditions, or jurisdictional matters, shall be adjusted by the union involved and the management in keeping with the established practices. However, if a satisfactory adjustment cannot be reached on a question of jurisdiction, the matter shall be referred to the interested International Unions for settlement. Pending any such adjustments or settlements, the provisions of paragraph 5 shall remain in full force and effect.

5. It is mutually agreed that there shall be no strikes, lockouts, or other cessation of work by either party during the life of this agreement. This paragraph shall not apply if the project is shut down by direct Governmental action.

6. This agreement may be further amplified or clarified by such supplemental agreements as may from time to time become necessary. Such supplemental agreements shall be arrived at by the mutual consent of both parties hereto.

7. This agreement shall become effective immediately upon signing by the authorized parties hereto and shall remain in full force and effect during the life of the company's present contract with the United States Government.

Signed by all Building and
Construction Trades affiliated
with the American Federation
of Labor

Signed for:

MASON-WALSH-ATKINSON-KIER COMPANY

By:

By: (Signed) T. J. Walsh

(Signed) James A. Duncan

P r e s i d e n t .

(Signed) Geo. W. Lish

(Signed) R. Roy Smith


(Signed) O. W. Carter

(Signed) Phillip S. Writer

AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE

Entered into at Mason City, Washington, this 29th. day of July, 1937.


Mason City Theatre



ROBERT
DONAT

MARLENE
DIETRICH

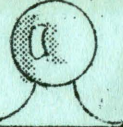
KNIGHT
WITHOUT
ARMOR



G. Jones

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\$173
MOVIE SWEEPSTAKES

FROM THE
CRYSTAL BALL

A YEAR AGO

----HOWARD VAN GUNDY heard about bronze men, so he gave up working inside-----
 ----ART GEIGER spent the last four days on the Coast, visiting his sister; he said-----
 ----GENE LEAMER sighs and sighs, He can't get used to "un-vacationing"-----
 ----O. I. CRAFT just can't deny sales ladies; he won't admit it. (Ask him about last week).-----
 ----JOHN O'SULLIVAN, surrounded by a bevy, looked down upon the fire last Saturday.-----
 ----DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS has bought himself a whip, a saber and a rope-----
 ----WINSTON CHURCHILL has been poring over parliamentary procedure-----
 ----DOROTHY BLACKWOOD examined a required examination and then insisted, "I don't like math in my exams."-----
 ----ARNOLD MAYFIELD--Find out if he's got a good explanation for subscribing to a sport magazine-----
 ----C. E. AKER suddenly adopted a new interest in aviation-----
 ----NO CARELESS PERSON CAN EVER HAVE AN ACCIDENT-FREE LIFE-----
 ----ANTON HELMSOTH has been dreaming every night of a suit that went up in flames-----
 ----CHARLEY JOHNSON may soon blossom out on the job with a colorful Japanese fan-----
 ----ED AVEY, blacksmith, nicknamed "Short handle", has made a pet of his hammer with the short handle ---- he won't give it up-----
 ----CURTIS HANSEN tried once to saw through the bars just to let Butch out-----
 ----W. H. SMITH has tired of paying for four wheels-----
 ----DAN McFARLAND is accumulating a "rogue's gallery", but he hasn't decided who are the rogues-----
 ----LES SCHLUBACH gets L.A. fever, goes and then comes back-----
 ----LEFTY MARTIN gave up the ghost since the first of the year and then picked it up again-----
 ----MERL CROWLEY wandered eastward, took in Chicago, was taken in by it, and then came back-----
 ----JIM JUSTICE--Look at him. He became a papa a year ago.-----
 ----J. H. KENT ponders seriously whether he was just sick or -----

----A 25-yard White, the largest dump truck ever built, arrives for experimental use with excavation-----
 ----Charles Godfrey of USBR testing laboratory swims Columbia river in three minutes and 10 seconds-----
 ----Announce plans for new school house near Community church, hospital addition revocation of elementary school for apartments, and playground-----
 ----PLENTY OF SLEEP MAKES IT EASIER TO BE ALERT-----
 ----High trestle tie-in with block 40 means completion of 2,550 feet of high and low trestles on west side-----
 ----Lay base lines for taking 50,000 soundings of Columbia river bed for later cross-river cofferdam work-----
 ----West abutment grout-drainage-inspection tunnel receives last concrete for lining-----

SSs 'n' Ends

CCC boys and men have planted more than 1,000,000 trees and definitely improved 2,700,000 acres of forest. They have conducted campaigns against destructive diseases and insect pests on more than 15,000,000 acres of forest; and they have spent 3,800,000 man-days in fighting fires. They have built more than 3,000 fire observation and lookout posts, more than 87,000 miles of roads and trails. And they have sent back \$360,000,000 to their families.

A concoction used as an external medicinal application by some people today is made by taking the juice of three lemons, pouring it over nine half-inch pearl buttons, bottling it and using the product after the buttons disappear.

Diamonds of 106 and 137 carats have been found in a rich new diamond area in the Vaal river, South Africa. The boldest attempt against floods and weather exposed nearly a mile or diamondiferous river bed.

IF WE GAVE OUR HEALTHS AS MUCH ATTENTION AS WE GIVE THE FAMILY FLIVVER, WE'D SAVE A LOT OF TIME AND MONEY.

A
THOUGHT
FOR TODAY
AND EVERY DAY

*Its not only the
knowledge of
SAFETY
but the practice
that counts*

ONLY ONE MORE DAY FOR LICENSES

A TASTE OF SALT FOR AUTO DRIVERS

"The actual seriousness of excessive heat as a health hazard is sometimes not appreciated. The human body has an optimum temperature of rather narrow limits and any marked deviation results in serious functional derangement. This is particularly a problem on construction jobs.

About 80 per cent of the body heat is lost through radiation, convection and evaporation of sweat from the skin. Within certain broad limits the body is perfectly able to cope with heat. High relative humidity tends to prevent evaporation so perspiration does not serve its purpose of cooling the body since it does not evaporate from the skin. In extremes of heat and high humidity, more sweat is produced than can be evaporated and, in addition to water loss, large amounts of salt are lost. Under conditions of excess amounts of external heat and also increased muscular fibers, the viscosity of the blood is increased. These effects of excessive heat disrupt the physiological processes of metabolism and deplete the alkaline reserve. As a result, painful muscular spasms, called heat cramps may occur.

"The value of sodium Chloride (common table salt) is generally recognized. The increased sodium chloride intake should be provided for at the rate of 15 to 20 grams a day."

It is a simple thing, this taking of salt internally, and yet it may prevent serious consequences that might befall from high temperatures.

Approximately 7,300 tons of steel have been used for reinforcement in the dam.

The fire of last Saturday night that destroyed half a city block in Grand Coulee resulted in an estimated damage of \$100,000. Buildings razed were on the south side of B street and east of Vic and Val's drug store.

Drivers of automotive vehicles for the MWAK are strongly advised to have their license renewals before midnight tomorrow night.

Licenses for the past year expire July 31.

Failure to secure licenses for operating vehicles makes the violators subject to legal punishment, if they drive without licenses.

Renewals secured before Aug. 1 requires no examination as do those thereafter.

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CEMENT SCREEN PLANT READY

Screens in the plant along the highway near the cement silos have been adjusted and the plant could be used at any time for its job of supplying fine cement for contraction grouting in concrete blocks. Cement used for the grouting is finer than most of that which goes into concrete. Most of the grouting on the west side is completed at the present time.

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Two gate guide frames assembled at the machine shop left this week for concrete blocks. These are for use on the upstream face of the dam for the outlet works through the concrete structure. Two more are being assembled in the shop.

Steel for but four of the frames has arrived.

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Camp attendance at the present time reaches approximately 1,450. This is approximately 335 fewer than the all-time high of 1,785 for May 20, when cabins, tents and the reading room were in use.

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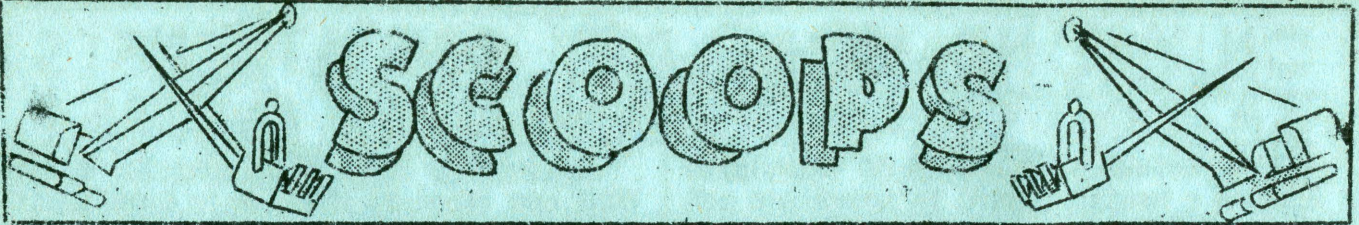
The end of the low trestle has been extended to reach the block 39 crib.

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Approximately 7,140 oxygen tanks have been used on the job since March 16 of this year. During the same time about 1,040 acetylene tanks have been also used for welding around the machine shop used all over the job.

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Two hundred feet of the downstream cofferdam have been removed downward 30 feet.



Mrs. AAA: "How do you like your new electric washer?"

Mrs. TVA: "Not so good. Every Saturday night when I get into the thing and start to take a bath those paddle arrangements knock me off my feet."

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A PESSIMIST IS A GUY WHO BURIES THE HATCHET, BUT CAREFULLY OILS IT TO KEEP IT FROM GETTING RUSTY, AND ALSO KEEPS A SPADE HANDY SO HE CAN DIG IT UP WHEN NECESSARY.

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Somebody's daughter eloped Wednesday in her father's clothes.

A local paper came out with an account of the elopement, headed: "Flees in Father's Pants."

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MANY OF OUR YOUNG ENGINEERS AROUND HERE ARE SPENDING THEIR TIME TINKERING WITH MISSES IN THEIR MOTORS.

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Wifie: "I hear you've started gambling."

MVAK-or: "Um-er-yes, my dear; but only for small stakes."

Wifie: "Oh, well as long as it's for something to eat, I don't mind."

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A DIET OF FISH MAY OR MAY NOT STIMULATE THE BRAIN, BUT GOING FISHING CERTAINLY STIMULATES THE IMAGINATION.

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Warden (to doomed prisoner): "Do you have any requests to make before I turn on the juice?"

D. P.: "yeah, take it easy, I gotta weak heart."

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THE ZOO IS THE PLACE FOR MONKEY BUSINESS--THE JOB IS NOT!

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An old crab walked into the store and read a sign hanging on the wall, "We ain't to please."

He looked at the manager, then at the sign, and muttered, "You ought to take some time off for target practice."

Bill Fifo tells the story of a Kentucky colonel who had an argument with the devil. The devil said that no one had a perfect memory. But the colonel maintained that there was an Indian on his plantation who never forgot anything. The colonel agreed to forfeit his soul to the devil if the Indian ever forgot anything.

The devil went up to the Indian and said: "Do you like eggs?"

The Indian replied, "Yes," the devil went away.

Twenty years later the colonel died. The devil thought, "Aha, here's my chance." He came back to earth and presented himself before the Indian. Raising his hand, he gave the tribal salutation, "How?"

Quick as a wink the Indian replied, "Fried."

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AN OLD-TIMER IS ONE WHO CAN REMEMBER WHEN THEY WOULD WRAP ONLY THE REINS AROUND THE POST, INSTEAD OF THE WHOLE VEHICLE.

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Officer: "Pardon, miss, but swimming in this lake is not allowed."

Little miss: "Why didn't you tell me before I undressed?"

"Well, there ain't no law against undressin'."

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MOST PESSIMISTS TODAY GOT THAT WAY BECAUSE THEY LOANED MONEY TO THE OPTIMISTS

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Ole was delighted to be working again, and he went around telling all his friends in the bunkhouse how fortunate he was.

"What you doing these days?" everyone wanted to know.

"I bane snake in the machine shop," was Ole's invariable answer.

"What's that?"

"A viper."

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THINKING ABOUT ONE THING WHILE DOING ANOTHER CAUSES ACCIDENTS.

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COMMUNITY CHURCH--The Rev. W. W. Sloan,
Ph. D., pastor

9:45 a.m. Church school
11:00 a.m. Morning worship; subject,
DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE
7:00 p.m. Vesper services, continuation
of series on "What Christianity
Stands For."
8:00 p.m. Friday (TONIGHT), social hour
for young people.

CATHOLIC CHURCH--Father A. Farrelly, pastor
Mass will be said Sunday, Aug. 1, in
Grand Coulee at 8:00 a.m. and in St. Bene-
dict's church, Mason City, at 10:00 a.m.
Instructions for children will be given
Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY
SAINTS**--R. E. Nuttall, superintendent
(In Mason City high school building)

10:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Departmental works:
Gospel doctrine: adults
Church history: juniors
Primary

ELECTRIC CITY UNION CHURCH--M. L. Bennett
pastor

11:00 a.m. Sunday
School
12:00 a.m. Morning
worship
6:30 p.m. Young
people
7:30 p.m. Evening
worship

**SEVENTH DAY ADVEN-
TIST CHURCH**--Elec-
tric City Union
church building)

Services are
held every Satur-
day morning at 9:-
45 a.m.

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THE FELLOW WHO
CAN'T SEE SAFETY
MAY SOON SEE HIS
FINISH.

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ENGINEER ENTERS NATIONAL MEET

An honor that falls to but few in the
state fell to William Wisniski, USBR mem-
ber of the Grand Coulee Gun club. Wisni-
ski has been selected for the team from
the state of Washington to compete in
the national matches at Camp Perry, Ohio.
The matches will be held from Aug. 22 to
Sept. 11. Wisniski was selected on the
basis of his past record in meets with
the local gun club. He will shoot on the
Organized Reserve team for the state.

The most coveted of trophies among the
many prizes in the Camp Perry meet are
the President's trophy and the Wimbledon
cup.

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INSPECTORS SWING AT BALL

If bedlam breaks loose in Government
Camp, it's only daily clashes between Me-
si's "Menagerie", Warning's "Warriors" or
Taylor's "Terrible Turks", softball in-
spectors from the bureau inspectors.

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OWNERS OF HORSES WINNING MASON CITY

"Sweepstakes": G. G. Gage, bureau of reg-
ulation, first; Harry Beasley, Elmerton
second; Myrmie Covar, Grand Coulee, third.

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THE MAN WHO THINKS HE CAN ARGUE AGAINST
SAFETY HASN'T A LEG TO STAND ON.

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Cement used for the completed dam will

weigh approximately
two and one-quarter
million tons.

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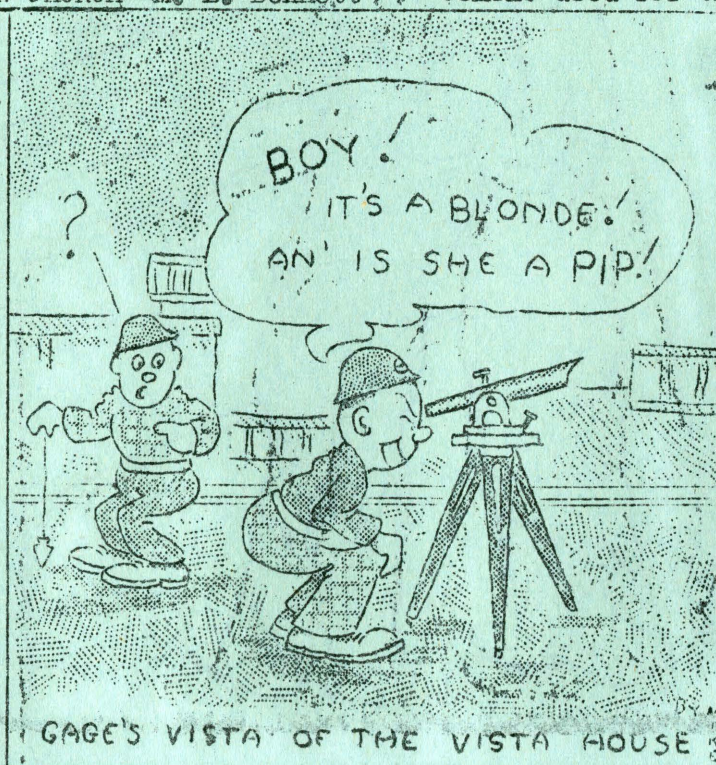
The average flow
of the Columbia riv-
er could fill the
10,000,000 acre-feet
to be in the Colum-
bia river reservoir
in two months.

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The Columbia riv-
er has dropped over
12 feet from its
high of June 25. It
is now at level 954.

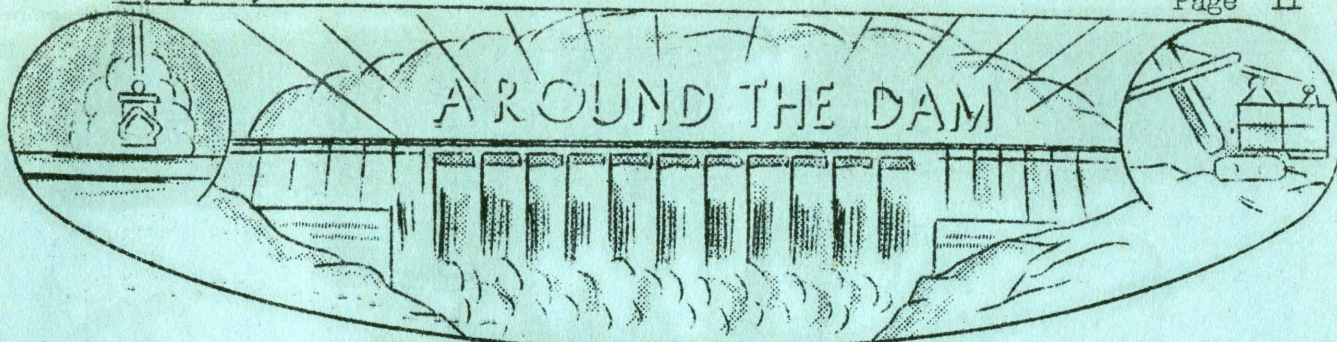
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The usual shut-
down for mixing
plant repairs will
not take place Aug.
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CLOVES & LOOSE CLOTHING ARE HAZARDOUS AROUND MACHINES





EAST ABUTMENT GETS JACKHAMMERS

High in a declivity and out of sight from below, three jackhammers yesterday introduced rock drilling to the east keyway 200 feet above the high trestle. The small crew began the removal of a huge boulder leading deeper into the gorge. Increased drill work will follow immediately.

The balance of rock removal on the east abutment will embrace an elevation difference of about 300 feet, from above the top elevation for the completed dam at 1310 to rock close up behind the East Mix at 1024.

Rock excavation will continue downward from the high elevation. Two steel sharpeners are ready for use in a shed near the first drilling.

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EMPLOYMENT REACHES NEW PEAK

Last Friday set a new high in employment, government figures reveal, with 6,059 employed. This supplants a high of 6037 for May 21. The difference is largely accounted for by USBR employment, as the Company was 69 under its high of 5397 for May 21. The MWAK plus other employing concerns in Mason City had 5,555 for May 21 and 5,506 for last Friday.

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TRESTLE NEARLY DONE

Work in erecting the low trestle should be finished next week.

Only four bents remain for placement. Footing forms are placed for all eight legs.

Steel crews erected the fifth bent yesterday.

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PRACTICE SAFETY--IF YOU NEGLECT IT, TOMORROW MAY NEVER COME.

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Boon conveyor and hopper equipment for the new cut at the gravel pit left the machine shop craneway this week.

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A three-yard dragline is cleaning up rock above the eastmix.

BORN at the Mason City hospital----

July 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hall of Belvedere, a son.

July 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Miller of Coulee Center, a son.

July 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stradley of Delano, a son.

July 28, to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Webb of Coulee Center, a son.

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THERMOMETER SKYROCKETS

Last Saturday the mercury pushed eight degrees higher than at any previous time this year to reach 108 degrees, the Company thermometer showed. Government recordings at the testing laboratory showed 106.

Sunday and Monday reached 104 and 102 degrees.

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LITTLE TRACK CARRIES LOCOMOTIVE

Steel rail along bedrock at the downstream edge of the dam transported its first trainload of concrete Monday to block 45 J, against the east side of the inner downstream call structures. This temporary track will be used for downstream concrete blocks until the two low trestle sections join.

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TWO CARELESS GUYS: THE FELLOW WHO LETS HIS TOOLS LIE WHERE THEY FALL AND THE FELLOW WHO DOESN'T WATCH HIS STEP AT ALL.

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Two American whirleys on the low trestle will have longer booms. Twenty-five feet will be added to each.

Machinists began work on the steel structures Thursday.

The addition will make possible a longer range for placing concrete.

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The eleventh silo at the storage silos is ready to receive first cement today or tomorrow. This is the ninth regular storage tank. Two are for blending. The nine silos could store over 55,000 barrels of cement.

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HAM ^{Butt}
or
14 lb
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not
Promise

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